

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
August 14, 2013 .....9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Douglas A. Curtis and Crawford Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Leighton Bell – The Link; Gary Phillips – Pageland Progressive Journal; Honorable Sheriff Rob Lee; Donna Rivers – CCCOA; Gary Moore, Bahaadur AbdulAhad, Denika Lee and Ruthie Tarlton. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Robert Cole opened the meeting with prayer.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County's Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. The following employee was recognized and presented with his Certificate:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u># of Years</u>
C. Heath Ruffner	County Attorney	7/1/98	15 Years

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Rivers advised that Councilman Moore had advised him that under 10(b) the Proclamation for Mr. Foster only needed the signatures of Council and since this had been done, that 10(b) should be stricken from the Agenda as requested by Councilman Moore.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the August 14, 2013 meeting agenda with approved changes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**July 10, 2013 - Regular Meeting**

Council Member Powe made a motion to approve the July 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **a. Dr. James Williamson, Pee Dee Workforce**

Did not appear at meeting.

### **b. Gary Moore, Citizen**

Appeared before Council regarding his desire to open a Tattoo Parlor in Chesterfield County. He stated that he was the owner and operator of Country Boy Construction. He stated he was advised by Chesterfield Town Council that currently City Council had no Ordinance concerning a Tattoo Parlor in town limits and he was before Council to ask permission to open a Tattoo Parlor at 609 East Boulevard in the Town of Chesterfield. Mr. Moore stated that it would be regulated by DHEC and he would follow strict guidelines. He also informed Council of the many charities he donated too and stated that if he were allowed to open his business, that he would be able to help more charities. Mr. Moore advised Council that he had put out polls and stuff like that concerning the tattoo parlor and that at this point he had only got one negative feed back out of the roughly 1600 replies that he had received. Thanked Council for their time.

**Chairman Rivers:** Stated that there were some issues and that it was not necessarily the business but just issues about the conflict of law and that he felt Council needed a little more time to look into this and he didn't see any reason not to take this back up next month.

**Council Member Curtis:** Stated that he was in agreement with Chairman Rivers. That he also felt Council needed formal feedback from the Town of Chesterfield since this is a town issue.

**Chairman Rivers:** Advised Mr. Moore that he appreciated his presentation but Council needed to gather a little more information and that this didn't mean Council was necessarily for it and it didn't mean Council was necessarily against it but they would take this matter back up as soon as possible.

### **c. Bahaadur AbdulAhad, Citizen**

Appeared before Council regarding an incident he was involved in that he felt the Sheriff's Department should arrest the other person involved and the Sheriff's Department did not make an arrest. He stated that he had a hospital bill for \$478.59 and since there was not an arrest, he could not get any assistance in getting this bill paid. He advised he came before Council so they can hopefully figure out how he can pursue this and get the situation where the other person can be arrested for assaulting him. Thanked Council for their time.

**Chairman Rivers:** Stated that the Sheriff was present to speak on another matter and then he could address any other issues that he would like to address.

**d. The Honorable Sheriff Rob Lee**

Sheriff Lee advised Council that he had two investigators that worked weeks on the investigation regarding Bahaadur AbdulAhad and in the course of the investigation they found no physical evidence to suggest that the assault occurred and therefore no arrest was made. Sheriff Lee stated that he was sorry Mr. AbdulAhad had an unfavorable experience in this case, but he believes they went above and beyond in their investigation.

Sheriff Lee stated that it humbled him to know that everything Chesterfield County has been through, they came together as a team on the armory project. He thanked Denise, Tim and their staff for all their help. He advised that they were under budget and that he encouraged Council to take the time after the Council Meeting concludes to go over and see what has been done. He thanked his Executive Assistant, Jennifer Vaughn and stated that this project would not have happened without her, that she was amazing. He stated that he had worked with fine people all over this nation in his prior capacity in law enforcement and that Ms. Vaughn was by far one of the best he had ever come in contact with. Sheriff Lee also thanked the men and women of the Sheriff's Department and his command staff for what they have done. Thanked Council and stated that this could not have happened without their support and finances and it meant a lot to him.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Multi-County Park Ordinance (Lancaster - L&C Railroad) - 1st Reading**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

None

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Grievance Committee Appointments - Douglass**

Advised that Chairman Rivers and Council Members Moore, Cole, Johnson and Plyler need to appoint and/or reappoint someone to serve on the County Grievance Committee. The terms are staggered so that 1/3 of the appointments will expire each year. Chairman Rivers

reappointed Lois Burr. Council Member Robert G. Cole reappointed Rachel Canipe. Council Member Johnson appointed Susie Jordan. Council Member Plyler and Council Member Moore advised that they would let Administrator Douglass know at a later date who they wish to appoint.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to appoint these persons for their representatives on the Grievance Committee. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to approve the names that are given to the Administrator at a later date for representation of Districts 5 and 8. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

#### **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Letter of Support – Council on Aging**

The Council on Aging is submitting paper work for organizational review for the Rural Development's Community Facilities Program. The Council on Aging is looking at purchasing property on Zoar Road to serve as their main office and the senior center for Chesterfield County and they have now requested a letter of support which should signify support for the project and the fact that the project will have no adverse impact on any similar facilities.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve a Letter of Support for Council on Aging. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Council Member Johnson**

None

##### **Council Member Moore**

None

##### **Council Member Bruce E. Rivers**

None

##### **Council Member Miller**

None

**Council Member Cole**

None

**Council Member Plyler**

Need to have Building Committee meeting after Council meeting.

**Council Member Curtis**

Conflict with Building Committee meeting. Would like to have Building Committee meeting after they all meet with Sheriff as a group at Armory.

**Council Vice-Chair Powe**

None

**Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers**

None

**Denise Douglass, Administrator**

Just wanted to announce that she had received information that the Library has received two grants. One is for \$19,000.00 to use for children's technology and the other is a smaller community/library grant for \$2,500.00.

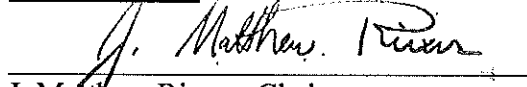
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not enter Executive Session.

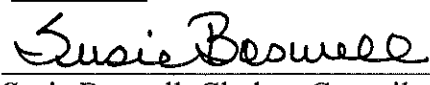
**ADJOURN**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED:**

  
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J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman  
Date: September 4, 2013

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council